Child Abuse Prevention – Administrative Support Only



Purpose

The purpose of the Iowa Child Abuse Prevention Program (ICAPP) is to prevent child maltreatment.

Who Is Helped

Prevention services are funded through annual contracts awarded to local community-based volunteer councils. The ICAPP administrator provides support to these councils throughout the state.

- ✓ In SFY15, 55 local community-based volunteer councils renewed contracts.
- ✓ These councils provided services in 73 of Iowa's 99 counties.

Services

The department utilizes a statewide non-profit organization to assist in administration of the ICAPP. Duties include:

- Administering a competitive grant program for prevention services to be provided by local community-based prevention volunteer councils.
- Providing technical assistance to local councils and subcontracted service providers.
- Conducting general research as it relates to the prevention of child maltreatment.
- Evaluating the various local services funded by the overall program.
- ✓ A total of 105 unique service contracts were renewed to community-based councils in SFY15.
- ✓ A competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued for services for SFY16-SFY18. A total of 108 new service contracts, in 72 counties, were issued, beginning SFY16.

Goals & Strategies

Goal: Services funded will be effective in reducing the risk of child maltreatment.

Strategies:

- Emphasize evidence-based or promising practices in prevention.
- Measure effectiveness of ICAPP services.

Results in SFY15:

In August 2014, the ICAPP administrator produced the third annual evaluation report, utilizing protective factors as outcome measures.

- The Protective Factors Survey (PFS) is a reliable and valid 20-question pre/post evaluation tool created by the National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention. It is a selfadministered survey that measures key protective capacities of caregivers in five domains (see graph at right).
- Based on the responses, each domain is given a score from one to seven, with one being the lowest and seven the highest, to indicate the level of that particular protective capacity in the respondent.
 Aggregate pre-post scores from ICAPP participants during SFY14 are illustrated in the graph to the right. All protective capacities reported an increase following participation in prevention services.

Change in Average Scores on PFS Statewide SFY14* Pretest Post Test 6.0 5.5 Concrete Support Muturing/Attachment Family Functioning Artachment Concrete Support Concrete Supp

*Number of responses = 3,065

	 ✓ The Iowa Family Survey relies on the Protective Factors Survey to gather pre/post test data from participants to measure family outcomes. ✓ The web-based survey is accessed online at www.iowafamilysurvey.org.
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